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For: PILOT VALVE )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director For Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment to the enclosed application entitled "Pilot Valve" claiming priority to PCT Application No. PCT/GB00/02127 filed 2 June 2000, which claims priority to British Application No. 9913058.5 filed 4 June 1999.

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as published on 14 December 2000 under No. WO 00/75741A1 as follows:

Page 1, after the title, insert the following headers and paragraph:

**--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application claims priority to PCT Application No. PCT/GB00/02127 filed 2 June 2000, which claims priority to British Application No. 9913058.5 filed 4 June 1999.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION-**

Page 6, before line 16, insert the Header: